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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 1, about line 3 (following the Preliminary Amendment to the specification), after
"This is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/548,840 filed October 26, 1995", please insert --
now U.S. Patent No. 6,083,729--.

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims.

44. The method of claim 36 wherein the biomass comprises plant parts selected from the group consisting of leaves, stems, seeds, and combinations thereof.

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